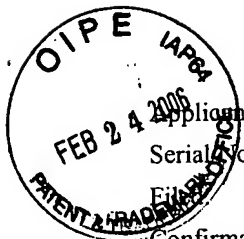


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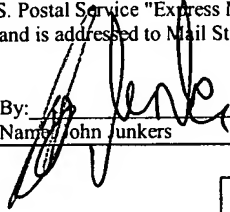
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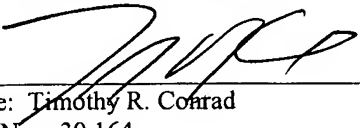
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Applicants submit the enclosed sheet 7 containing Fig. 6 which adds a reference numeral 20' and a lead line, all in conformance with the telephone conference with the Examiner on February 9, 2006.

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